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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Zinke, on April 6, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Bob Lake (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Gilda Clancy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 603, 4/1/2011

HEARING ON HB 603

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:30 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 603, Provide for Public Charter Schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a02\)](#)

00:09:29 Debra Lamm, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a03\)](#)

00:14:24 Lisa Grover, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a04\)](#)

00:24:42 Dan Nicklay, Principal, Coeur d 'Alene Academy, Coeur d 'Alene, ID

00:30:45 Dr. Billie Orr, Bozeman, MT, representing self

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a05\)](#)

00:34:03 Teresa Lode, representing self

00:35:02 Sharon Nason, representing self

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a06\)](#)

00:35:56 Mikal Wilkerson, representing self

00:36:39 Elaine Herman, Montana Eagle Forum (MEF)

00:38:28 Becky Stockton, representing self

00:39:31 Rep. James Knox, HD 47, Billings, MT

00:40:44 Jay Anderson, representing self

00:41:48 Bob Faw, Big Timber, MT, representing self

00:42:15 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:43:00 Sen. Brown mentioned proponents may submit written testimony for distribution

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:26 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:01:03 Eric Fever, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a07\)](#)

01:05:57 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a09\)](#)

01:07:40 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teachers Retirement System (MTRS)

01:08:36 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

[EXHIBIT\(eds77a10\)](#)

01:10:20 Chris Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:10:44 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (MBPE)

01:10:54 Melanie Symons, Chief Counsel, Montana Public Education Retirement Association (MPERA)

01:11:08 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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| 01:11:37 | Sen. Ripley |
| 01:11:57 | Rep. Blasdel |
| 01:12:20 | Debra Lamm, MFF |
| 01:14:11 | Sen. Ripley |
| 01:14:52 | Debra Lamm |
| 01:14:57 | Sen. Ripley |
| 01:15:09 | Sen. Lake |
| 01:15:32 | Jeff Laszloffy |
| 01:15:52 | Sen. Lake |
| 01:16:09 | Debra Lamm |
| 01:17:06 | Sen. Lake |
| 01:17:18 | Debra Lamm |
| 01:17:40 | Lisa Grover |
| 01:17:55 | Sen. Lake |
| 01:18:09 | Lisa Grover |
| 01:18:56 | Sen. Lake |
| 01:19:01 | Lisa Grove |
| 01:19:11 | Sen. Hawks |
| 01:19:34 | Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools |
| 01:20:42 | Sen. Facey |
| 01:22:01 | Rep. Blasdel |
| 01:22:11 | Lisa Grover |
| 01:22:39 | Sen. Facey |
| 01:23:42 | Rep. Blasdel |
| 01:24:30 | Chairman Zinke |

Closing by Sponsor:

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| 01:24:44 | Rep. Blasdel |
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds77aad.pdf](#))